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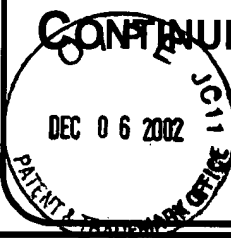
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Art Unit	1771
Examiner Name	GUARRIELLO, John J
Attorney Docket Number	W0490/7007



This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on October 21, 2002
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Additional remarks

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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Additional Remarks accompanying RCE under 37 CFR 1.114

Please enter the following additional remarks in response to office correspondence dated July 8, 2002.

"A 35 U.S.C. 103 rejection is based on 35 U.S.C. 102(a), 102(b), 102(e), etc. depending on the type of prior art reference used and its publication or issue date."; MPEP 2141.01.

"The date that a patent is made available to the public is the date it is available as a 35 USC 102(a) or (b) reference."; MPEP 2126 referencing *In re Ekenstam*, 256 F.2d 321, 118 USPQ 349 (CCPA 1958).

To support a 35 USC 103 rejection, prior art must be qualified in accordance with 35 USC 102 date/time constraints in accordance with the above. Dunbar's publication date of Dec. 3, 1996, post dates Applicant's Oct. 15, 1996 and August 29, 1994 priority dates, and thereby does not qualify as prior art in this prosecution. Applicant respectfully requests it be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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